

**Memorandum on Certification for  
Major Illicit Drug Producing and  
Drug Transit Countries**

*February 26, 1999*

Presidential Determination No. 99-15

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Certification for Major Illicit Drug  
Producing and Drug Transit Countries

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 490(b)(1)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended ("the Act"), I hereby determine and certify that the following major illicit drug producing and/or major illicit drug transit countries/dependent territories have cooperated fully with the United States, or have taken adequate steps on their own, to achieve full compliance with the goals and objectives of the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances:

Aruba, The Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Laos, Mexico, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Taiwan, Thailand, Venezuela, and Vietnam.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 490(b)(1)(B) of the Act, I hereby determine that it is in the vital national interests of the United States to certify the following major illicit drug producing and/or major illicit drug transit countries:

Cambodia, Haiti, Nigeria, and Paraguay.

Analysis of the relevant U.S. vital national interests, as required under section 490(b)(3) of the Act, is attached.

I have determined that the following major illicit drug producing and/or major illicit drug transit countries do not meet the standards set forth in section 490(b) for certification:

Afghanistan, Burma.

In making these determinations, I have considered the factors set forth in section 490 of the Act. Given that the performance of each of these countries/dependent territories has differed, I have attached an explanatory

statement for each of the countries/dependent territories subject to this determination.

You are hereby authorized and directed to report this determination to the Congress immediately and to publish it in the *Federal Register*.

**William J. Clinton**

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**Digest of Other  
White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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**February 22**

The President announced his intention to appoint Thomas R. Reedy as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

**February 23**

The President announced his intention to nominate George T. Frampton, Jr., to be a member of the Council on Environmental Quality. The President will designate him as Chair upon confirmation.

The White House announced that the President will address the opening of the U.S.-Africa Ministerial on Partnership in the 21st Century on March 16 in Washington, DC.

**February 24**

In the morning, the President met with President Jerry John Rawlings of Ghana in the Cabinet Room.

**February 25**

In the morning, the President traveled to Tucson, AZ. In the afternoon, he visited the Major League Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks' practice facility at Tucson Electric Park.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lawrence J. Delaney to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

In the evening, the President traveled to San Francisco, CA.

**February 26**

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA.

The President announced his intention to nominate Larry Harrington to be U.S. Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

In the evening, the President attended a Democratic National Committee Saxophone Club/Women's Leadership Forum reception in the Los Angeles Room at the Century Plaza Hotel.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**


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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

**Submitted February 23**

Paula J. Dobriansky,  
of Virginia, to be a member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2001 (re-appointment).

George T. Frampton, Jr.,  
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Council on Environmental Quality, vice Kathleen A. McGinty, resigned.

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**


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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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**Released February 22**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

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Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Assistant to the President for Health Policy Chris Jennings on the "Insure Kids Now" initiative

Statement by the Press Secretary: U.S.-Africa Ministerial in March

**Released February 24**

Fact Sheet: Strengthening the U.S.-Ghana Partnership: The State Visit of President Rawlings

**Released February 26**

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger on the situation in Kosovo

Fact Sheet: Overview of Annual Presidential Certification of Major Drug Producing and Transit Countries

Statement by the Press Secretary: Annual Presidential Certifications for Major Drug Producing and Transit Countries

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**


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NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.